

1. The present invention relates to a method of manufacturing a thin-walled, elongated, tubular component, such as a pipe or tube, which is formed by a process of rolling a sheet of material into a tubular shape and then welding the ends together.

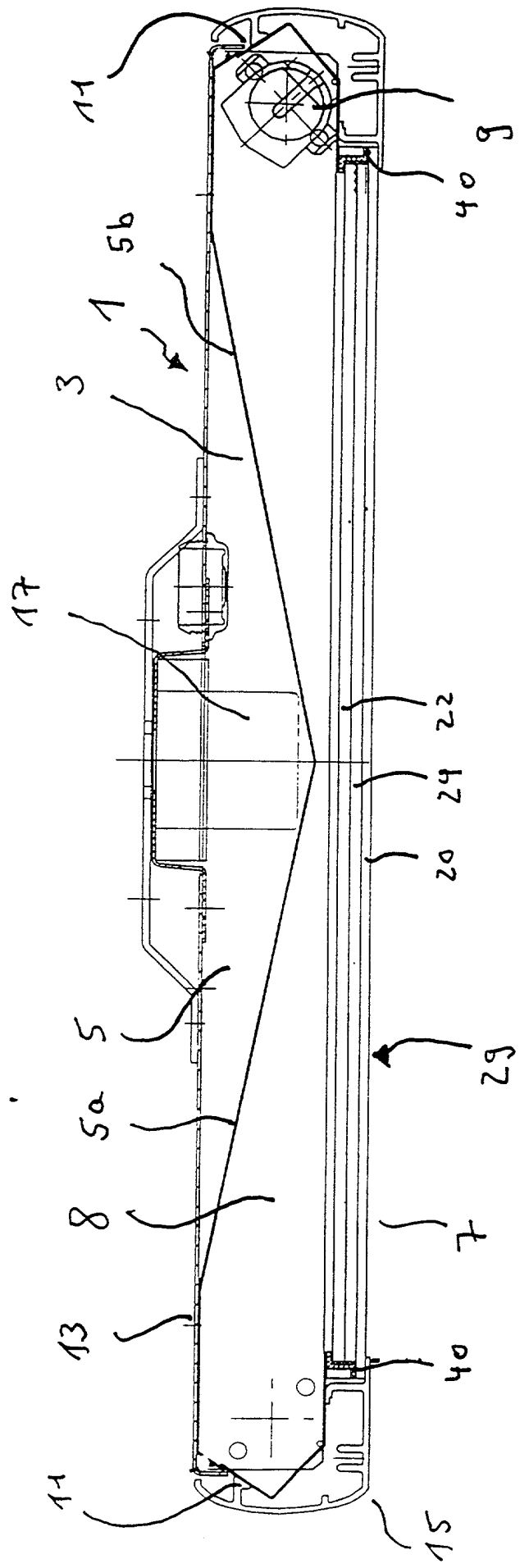


Fig. 1

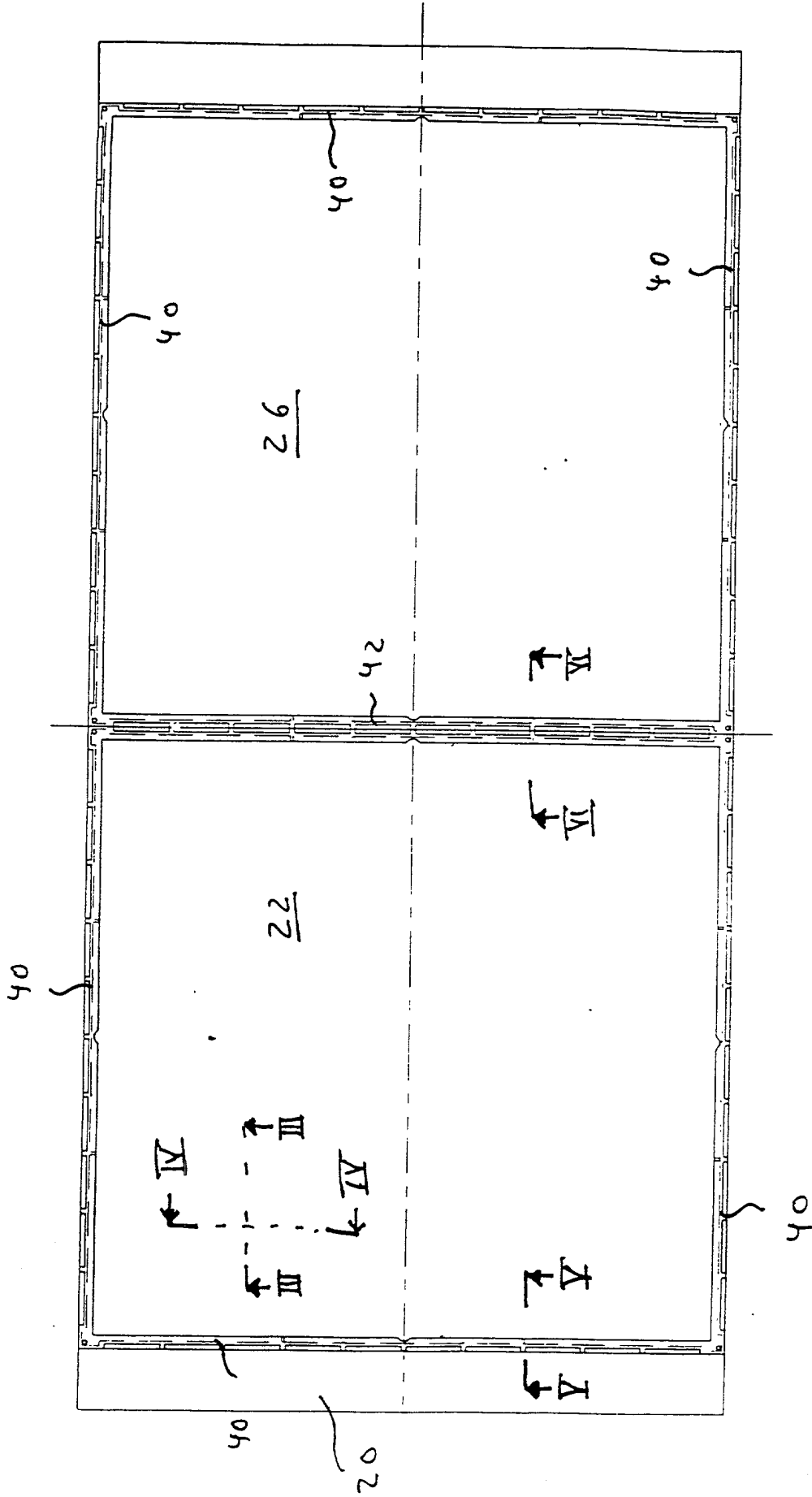


Fig. 2

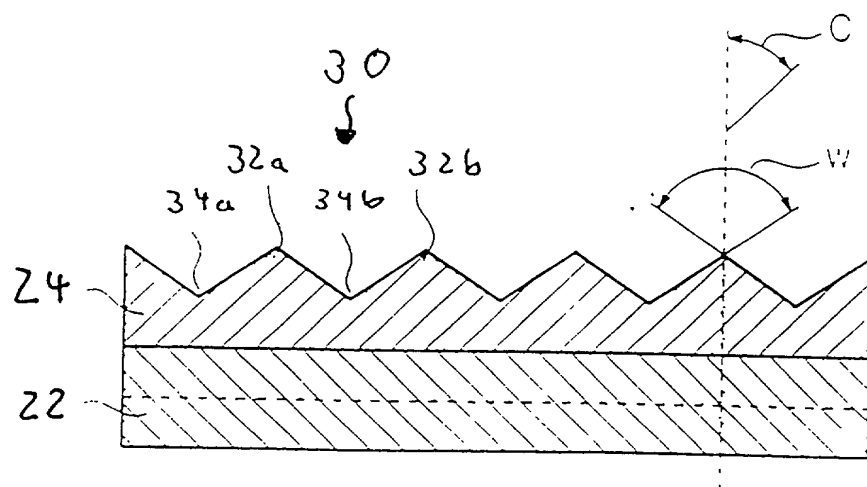


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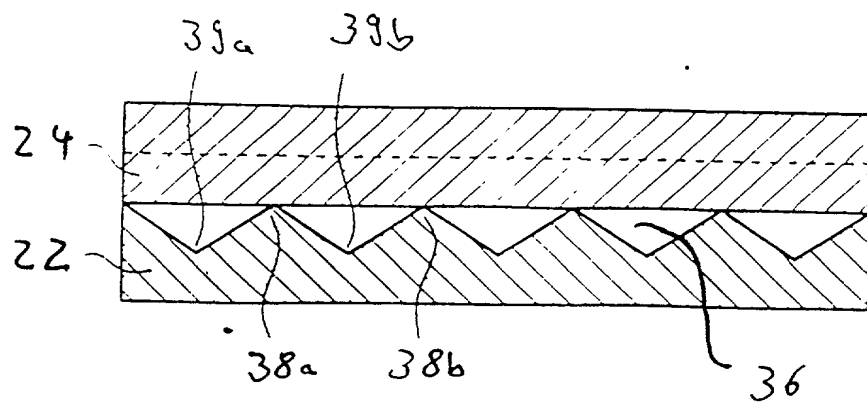
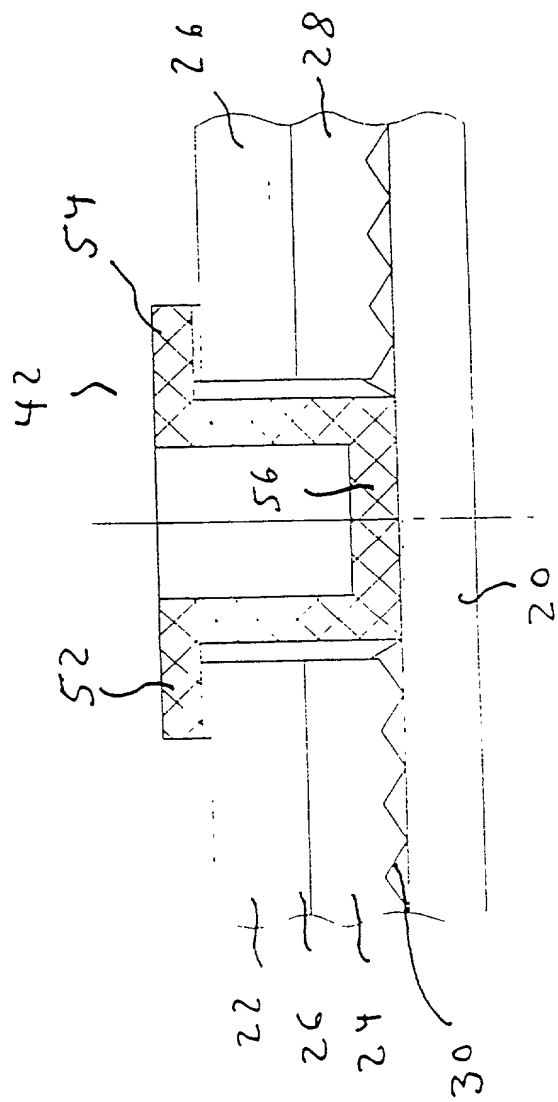
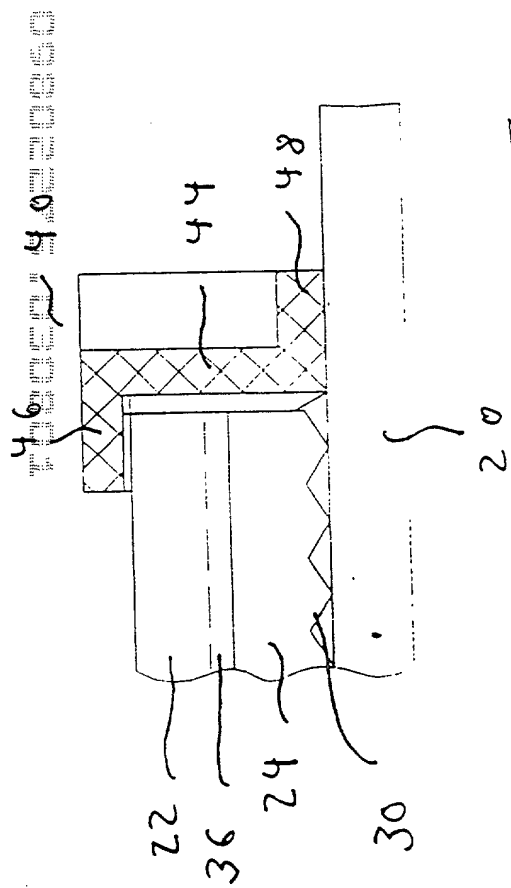


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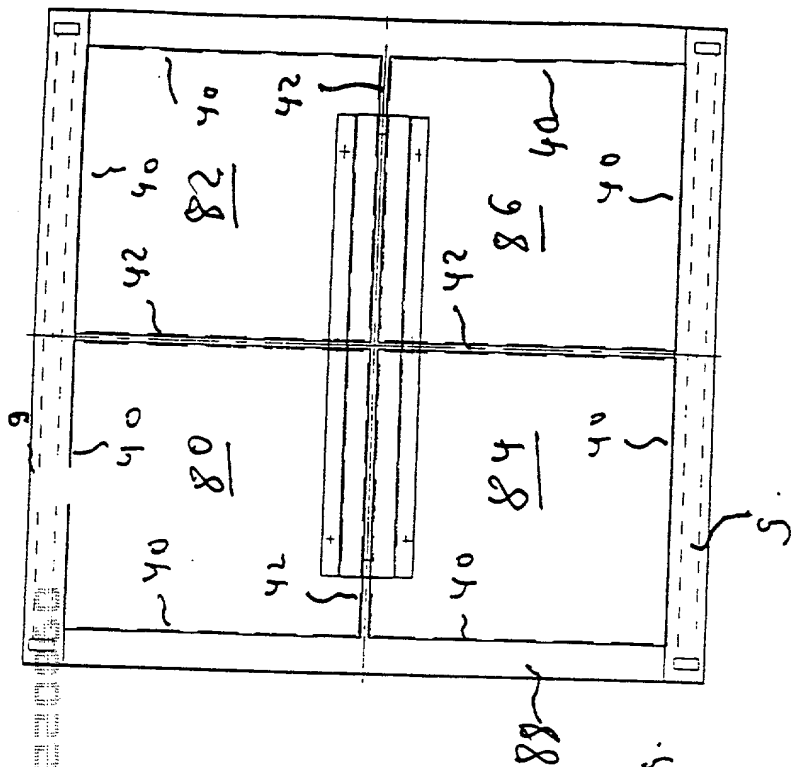


Fig. 7

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the frame assembly of Fig. 1, showing the frame sections 40, the central bar 58, and the vertical bar 59.

Fig. 8

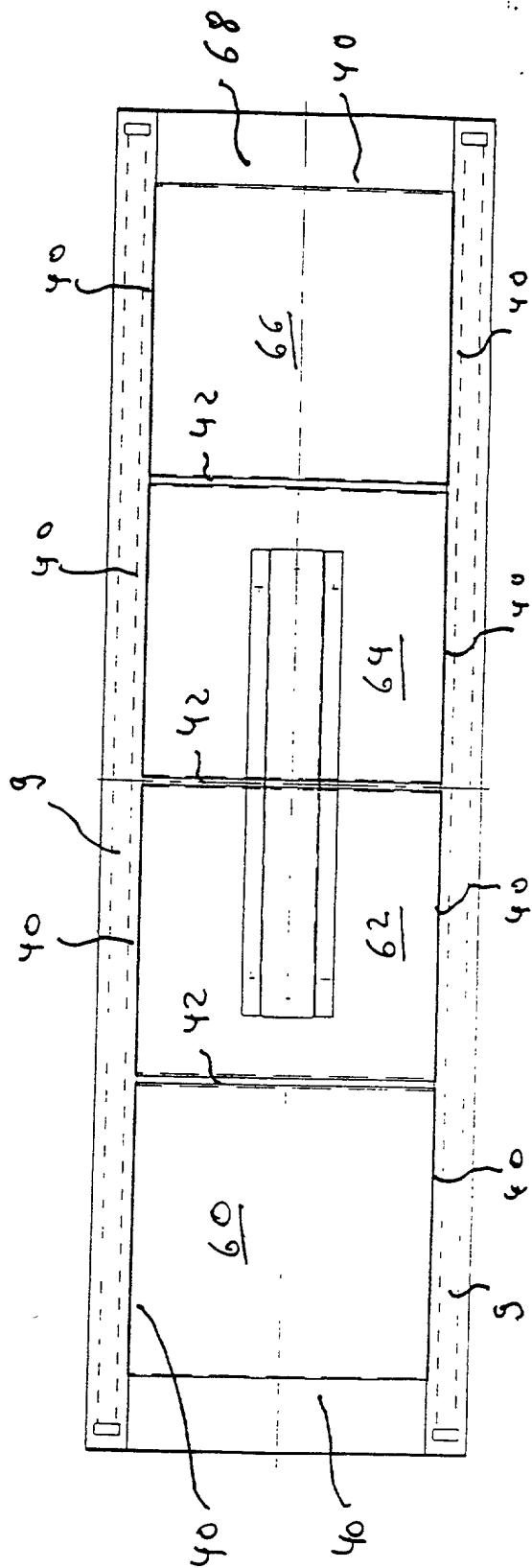


Fig. 8

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the frame assembly of Fig. 1, showing the frame sections 40, the central bar 60, and the vertical bar 62.